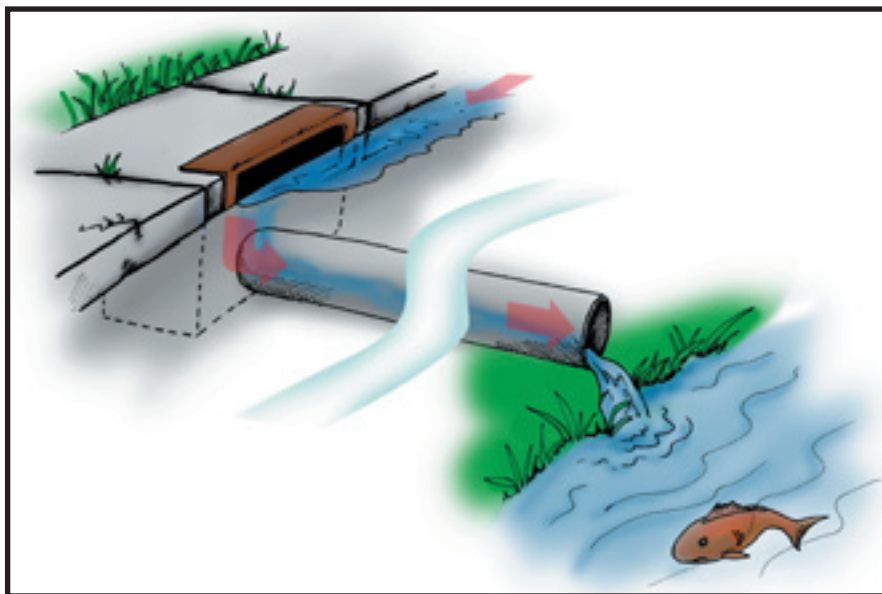


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On the Waterfront!

Storm drains connect your property directly to nearby waterways. Living on a city street is like living right on the waterfront. Everything that washes down a storm drain from a yard or street winds up in local lakes, rivers or streams – not the sewage treatment plant. However, many people are unaware of this important fact. Each year, people dump thousands of gallons of used motor oil, antifreeze, and other wastes into storm drains.



A Helping Hand

In this community, local citizens are volunteering their time to place the phrase “Dump No Waste. Drains to Stream” (or lake, river, or ocean) on local storm drains.

We will be tagging drains on the streets in this vicinity on: _____

Please do not park your car within 20 feet of a storm drain on that day. This will make tagging easier and protect your car.

This project is being conducted by: _____

Storm Drain Tagging is an activity promoted by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Water Watch Program. Other activities include litter clean-ups, tree planting and shoreline surveys. If you would like more information about stenciling or any other Water Watch activity, please contact the Water Watch Coordinator at (803) 898-4211 or visit the Water Watch website, www.scdhec.net/wwatch.

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Why should we be concerned about what enters a storm drain?

Rain and irrigation water wash soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, leaves, and grass clippings off the pavement and into your storm drain. When the storm drain empties into lakes, streams and rivers, these materials become pollutants that may be harmful to the waterbody.

Although each storm drain may contribute only a small amount of pollution, the pollutants from hundreds of drains around town add up to a big problem for local streams, lakes and rivers.

What you can do to help:

- Do not use the storm drain for the disposal of motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, paints, solvents or other materials.
- Clean up leaves or grass clippings that accumulate on your driveway, sidewalk or in the street.
- Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways.
- Dispose of pet wastes by flushing, burying or placing them in the trash. Make sure to check local ordinances on pet waste disposal.
- Redirect downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash rather than on the driveway.

